

## **NAVY RESERVED OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (NROTC)**

2 and 4 year NROTC scholarship program (including the NROTC Nurse Corps Option) provides qualified students with tuition, books, instructional fees, uniforms, and a subsistence allowance of \$200 per month at one of the country's leading colleges or universities affiliated with an NROTC unit. Room and board expenses are not provided. Selected applicants for the NROTC scholarship program are awarded scholarships through a highly competitive national selection process. The recipient will be commissioned a Naval officer upon graduation and is obligated to a minimum of 4 years active duty in the U.S. Navy. NROTC scholarships do not pay for room and board or personal items such as computers.

**Applicants for NROTC scholarships must meet the following eligibility requirements:**

- ✓ **Be a U.S. citizen.**
- ✓ **Be of good moral character.**
- ✓ **Be less than 27 years of age on June 30 of the year in which you are eligible for commissioned status. An age waiver may be granted for prior active military service, on a month-for-month basis, computed as of 1 September of the year of enrollment in NROTC, provided you will not reach your 30th birthday by 30 June of the year in which graduation and commissioning are anticipated. Command verification of service must be provided to receive an age waiver.**
- ✓ **Be a high school graduate or possess GED and be scholastically qualified.**
- ✓ **Be physically qualified for the NROTC Program as determined by the Physical Medical Review Board.**
- ✓ **Be recommended by your commanding officer.**
- ✓ **Four-year applicants must have less than 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of college work completed by the fall of the year in which you will attend college.**
- ✓ **Meet minimum SAT test scores of 530 verbal and 520 Math or minimum ACT test score of 22 in both English and Math. Applicants must qualify in competition based on Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT) scores. The SAT or ACT tests may be taken through the national testing program or through Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support (DANTES). Scores from tests taken on or after 1 January (two years old) may be submitted. SAT or ACT scores can be "regular" (no extra fee) released up to 5 November (year in which applying) directly to Commander, Navy Recruiting Command (COMNAVCRUITCOM), from the testing agency by marking release code 0656 on the test registration form or the additional report request form. Tests administered through DANTES should be taken before October (year in which applying) in order for scores to be available in time for the next Fiscal Year NROTC Scholarship Program. The deadline date for the receipt of "rushed release" (extra fee) SAT or ACT scores is [30 December (year in which applying) {i.e., 2000}].**
- ✓ **Have no courts-martial conviction or civilian felony conviction. Have no record of disciplinary action under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), or conviction by civil court for misdemeanors (except minor traffic violations) during the 3 years**

preceding application for the NROTC Program. (A fine of \$200 or less, exclusive of court charges, is considered minor.) Any substantiated drug use or alcohol incident, while in an enlisted status, is considered an aspect of an individual's professional performance and judgment and will be considered when assessing future leadership potential.

- ✓ Members are also responsible for gaining acceptance to a certified NROTC university. Acceptance does not guarantee assignment to that school, so it is recommended that you apply to at least 3 of your desired universities.
- ✓ If selected for the Four-year Scholarship Program must have at least 36 months of active obligated service remaining as of the date you report to your NROTC unit or extend your enlistment to meet the 36 month requirement.  
Students that have more than 1 year of college credit are not eligible for the 4-year scholarship.

\*For more information, contact your Command Career Counselor or visit the NROTC website at: [www.cnet.navy.mil/nrotc/](http://www.cnet.navy.mil/nrotc/) or reference OPNAVINST 1420.1(series) and MILPERSMAN Articles 1533-010/020.

## **BROADENED OPPORTUNITY FOR OFFICER SELECTION AND TRAINING (BOOST)**

The Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) program offers advanced academic preparation and an opportunity to earn a college scholarship. BOOST prepares selected high school graduates, Naval reservists and active duty Navy and Marine Corps personnel to become eligible for Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) scholarships to civilian colleges and universities or appointments to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Boost is a 10-month college preparatory curriculum consisting of Math, English, science, computer science, and military training.

Applicants for BOOST must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen.
- ✓ Prospective NROTC Scholarship Program applicants must be under 22 years old on 30 June of the year entering BOOST. Candidates with active service in the Armed Forces may be granted a waiver for each month of active service up to a maximum of 36 months. Anyone 25 years old prior to 1 July of the year entering BOOST will not be considered for the BOOST program. See OPNAVNOTE 1500 for specific dates.
- ✓ Prospective Naval Academy candidates must not have passed their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday on 1 July of the year following graduation from BOOST. No age waivers will be granted for USNA.
- ✓ Be certified as physically qualified for the NROTC Scholarship Program by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB). No physical examination is to accompany the BOOST application. NOTE: Any color vision deficiency is disqualifying for regular NROTC and the USNA, but is not disqualifying for the Nurse Corps Option.
- ✓ Meet minimum SAT test scores of 470 verbal and 490 Math or minimum ACT test score of 18 English and 20 Math. Active duty applicants may receive a waiver to 430 (Verbal) and 440 (Math) on the SAT or 16 (English) and 18 (Math) on the ACT if the Verbal (VE) + Arithmetic Reasoning (AR) scores on the ASVAB are 110 or greater. No waivers for the SAT/ACT will be granted below the 430/440 or 16/18 levels, and no waivers for the ASVAB will be granted.
- ✓ Graduation from high school or a General Education Development (GED) equivalency is required.
- ✓ Personnel possessing greater than one year (30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours) of college course credit are ineligible for BOOST. These personnel are encouraged to apply directly to the NROTC Program, USNA, or the Enlisted Commissioning Program, if eligible.
- ✓ Be enlisted in the Navy or Naval Reserve, be on active duty, and have or be willing to incur at least 36 months obligated service as of 1 July of the year entering BOOST.
- ✓ Have no courts-martial conviction or civilian felony conviction. Have no record of disciplinary action under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), or conviction by civil court for misdemeanors (except minor traffic violations) during the 3 years preceding application for the program. Any substantiated drug use or alcohol incident, while in an enlisted status, is considered an aspect of an individual's professional performance and judgment and will be considered when assessing future leadership potential.

- ✓ Enlisted applicants E-4 and below may have no more than two dependents. USNA applicants must be unmarried with no dependents. Marriage and/or dependents do not disqualify applicants for the NROTC Scholarship Program.
- ✓ Be recommended by your Commanding Officer.

**REMEMBER:**

- Applications without SAT or ACT test scores cannot be considered.
- It takes from six to eight weeks to receive your test results.
- Since both SAT and ACT test dates vary each year, you must know the test registration deadline and determine the test date that meets your BOOST application needs. Contact Navy College Office for test dates.

For more information refer to OPNAVINST 1420.1(series), MILPERSMAN Article 1530-030, your Command Career Counselor, or call 1-800-NAV-ROTC and enter extension 316 or 318 when prompted to do so or visit the BOOST website at:  
<http://www.cnet.navy.mil/newport/boostindex>.

## **ENLISTED COMMISSIONING PROGRAM (ECP)**

Enlisted Commissioning Program (ECP) is an undergraduate education program which provides an excellent opportunity for outstanding active duty enlisted personnel in the Navy or Naval Reserve, who have previous college credit, to earn a baccalaureate degree, and a commission in the Unrestricted Line (URL) or Civil Engineer Corps (CEC). Selectees will be ordered to a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) host university on a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) basis for full-time duty as a student. Basic ECP, CEC-ECP, and Aviation Option candidates will attend the Naval Science Institute (NSI) in June prior to reporting to a university. Nuclear Option candidates do not attend NSI but will attend Officer Candidate School (OCS) after graduation.

Applicants for ECP must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen.
- ✓ Have 30 fully transferable semester hours or 45 quarter hours of earned credit. Multiply quarter hours by .67 to convert to semester hours. A transferable credit must have a grade of "C" or better. A "pass/fail" or "SAT" grade is not acceptable. Only traditional college credits are considered fully transferable. Non-traditional credits earned (e.g., military service and service school credits, CLEP, vocational/technical school credits, correspondence courses other than PACE, etc.) are disqualifying.
- ✓ Be at least 22 years of age by 1 November (year in which applying) and be able to complete degree requirements and be commissioned prior to 31<sup>st</sup> birthday. Waivers will NOT be considered.
- ✓ Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. GPA is based on grades for all courses taken.
- ✓ Have a certified copy of SAT or ACT scores from a test taken on or after 1 January (3 years prior to 1 January in which application is made).
- ✓ Although no minimum score is required, successful applicants with less than 950 SAT (Math and verbal) or 45 ACT (Math and English) may be limited in choice of university due to admission requirements.
- ✓ Have no record of courts-martial convictions or civilian felony convictions. Have no record of UCMJ, or conviction by civil court for misdemeanors (except minor traffic violations) during 3 years preceding 1 November (year in which application is made). Any substantiated drug use or alcohol incident, while in an enlisted status, is considered an aspect of an individual's professional performance and judgment and will be considered when assessing future leadership potential.
- ✓ Be recommended by Commanding Officer (CO).

**NOTE:** Although not a specific requirement, warfare qualification (i.e., AW, CC, EOD, SCW, SW, SS, SEAL, etc.) will receive strong consideration as an indicator of the member's motivation and initiative.

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## **SEAMAN TO ADMIRAL (STA)**

The Seaman to Admiral (STA) provides outstanding enlisted personnel in the USN, USNR (TAR), USNR-R, and SELRES with an exceptional education and commissioning opportunity. Selectees are provided a maximum of 36 months to complete a baccalaureate degree with benefits that include tuition, mandatory fees, book allowance, and full Navy pay and benefits in current pay-grade as well as the opportunity to advance in enlisted rate while in school. Selectees will be ordered to one of eight Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) affiliated universities, collocated with one of 3 main fleet concentration centers in Jacksonville, Hampton Roads, or San Diego, on permanent change of station (PCS) orders. After obtaining a baccalaureate degree and upon successful completion of Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Pensacola, Florida, selectees will be appointed as permanent Ensign, USNR.

Eligibility requirements and application procedures are published annually through NAVADMIN.

- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen.
- ✓ Have a superb performance record as well as strong academic potential and favorable Commanding Officer recommendation.
- ✓ A favorable Commanding Officer's endorsement.
- ✓ Be a member of the U.S. Navy or Naval Reserve, including Training and Administration of Reserves (TAR) or Selected Reserve (SELRES) at the time of application, and have four years of active duty service in the U.S. Navy.
- ✓ Be in the pay grade of E-4 or above with at least 4 years of active duty as of 30 September in the year of application. E-4 applicants must have scored a passing grade on the most recent E-5 advancement exam and must submit examination results documenting PNA with program application.
- ✓ Be at least 22 but have not yet reached their 27<sup>th</sup> birthday as of 30 September in the year of application.
- ✓ Have competitive scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT). No minimum score is established; however, SAT combined Math and verbal scores greater than 1000 or ACT combined English and Math greater than 44 are considered competitive. Contact your Career Counselor or Navy College Office (formerly College Campus) for SAT/ACT testing. SAT or ACT scores may not be more than 3 years old as of 1 July the year application is made. Test scores may be submitted directly to the Navy Personnel Command Selection Board by using release codes 2643 (SAT) or 4868 (ACT).
- ✓ Be physically qualified for appointment in the unrestricted line (URL) in accordance with physical standards outlined in the manual of the Medical Department, Chapter 15. For eligibility and application purposes, the most common disqualifying conditions for URL are defective color vision, eyesight uncorrectable to 20/20, and applicant out of height/weight/body fat standards. Complete physical examinations will be required for selectees and alternates only.
- ✓ Meet physical, height/weight and body fat standards at time of application through to commissioning.
- ✓ Be a high school graduate or have a GED Certificate.

- ✓ Have no record of conviction by courts-martial, non-judicial punishment, or civil court for any offense other than minor traffic violations for 3 years prior to 1 July the year of application. Any substantiated drug use or alcohol incident, while in an enlisted status, is considered an aspect of an individual's professional performance and judgment and will be considered when assessing future leadership potential. Be of good moral character and unquestioned loyalty to the United States as determined by interview and investigation.
- ✓ Students in other officer accession programs are not eligible for the Seaman to Admiral Program.

**NOTE: The Officer Aptitude Rating exam (OAR) is NO longer required.**

**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS 1 JULY**

**\*For more information, contact your Command Career Counselor or refer to OPNAVINST 1420.1(series).**



## **NAVAL ACADEMY**

The United States Naval Academy offers an outstanding opportunity for qualified enlisted members of the regular Navy, Naval Reserves, Marine Corps, and other armed forces to embark on careers as officers in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps. Students at the Naval Academy are Midshipmen, U.S. Navy, receiving pay of a midshipman plus tuition, room and board. Upon graduation, they receive a Bachelor of Science degree.

Applicants for USNA must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen;
- ✓ A high school grade point average of 2.8 or better and ranked in the top 30 percent of the class
- ✓ Good moral character and of unquestioned loyalty to the United States, as determined by interview and other appropriate means.
- ✓ Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) - 1050 (combined Math and verbal or better, based on the 1995 recentered SAT scoring) system or American College Test (ACT) 46 (combined Math and verbal or better). The USNA will not accept test scores from tests taken after February of the year for which you desire admission to the Naval Academy.
- ✓ At least 17 and not past their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday on 1 July of the year they would enter the academy;
- ✓ Unmarried, pregnant, or have incurred moral or legal obligations of parenthood.
- ✓ Have normal visual acuity of 20/20 in each eye. Waivers are granted to many candidates with some degree of defective visual acuity provided the vision can be corrected to 20/20 in each eye with conventional (spectacle) lenses in which the refractive power does not exceed +/- 6.0 diopters in any meridian and the astigmatism is not more than 3.0 diopters.
- ✓ Have no courts-martial conviction or civilian felony conviction, no record of disciplinary action under Article 15, UCMJ, or conviction by civil court for misdemeanors (except minor traffic violations) during the 3 years preceding application program. Any substantiated drug use or alcohol incident, while in an enlisted status, is considered an aspect of an individual's professional performance and judgment and will be considered when assessing future leadership potential.
- ✓ Must have a minimum of 24 months of obligated service as of 1 July of the entering year.
- ✓ Applicants for the military academies must obtain a nomination, and are strongly encouraged to apply all categories of nominations for which they qualify.

Deadline for all enlisted applications and recommendations is 31 January of the year they would enter the Academy.

Regular and Reserve Navy and Marine Corps service members compete for 170 appointments. Apply via your Commanding Officer in accordance with OPNAVINST 1420.1(series).

**If offered an appointment to the Naval Academy, candidates must extend their enlistment and/or active duty agreement in order to have a minimum of 24 months of active obligated service remaining as of 1 July of the entering year.**

**Your high school academic, athletic, and extra-curricular activity involvement is extremely important to your success as a candidate for admission. While we are looking for a wide variety of individuals with diverse experiences and backgrounds, there are some key components, which will make every individual more competitive for admission.**

**\*For more information, contact your Command Career Counselor or visit the USNA website at: [WWW.USNA.EDU](http://WWW.USNA.EDU) or OPNAVINST 1420.1(series).**

## LIMITED DUTY OFFICER (LDO)

The Navy LDO program is the other enlisted-to-commissioned officer program that does not require a college degree. It provides broad, technical management service for enlisted personnel and chief warrant officers to advance above the CWO level.

Applicants for LDO must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen.
- ✓ Be serving on active duty in the U.S. Navy, or Naval Reserve, including the TAR Program, at the time of application, and if selected, remain on active duty until the appointment is tendered.
- ✓ Be physically qualified.
- ✓ Be a high school graduate or possess the service-accepted equivalent as prescribed in CNETINST 1560.3
- ✓ Have no record of NJP, courts-martial, or civil convictions other than minor traffic violations for 3 years as of 1 October of the year application is made. Any substantiated drug or alcohol abuse will result in disqualification.
- ✓ Be of good moral character and unquestioned loyalty to the U.S. as determined by interviews and investigation.
- ✓ Be recommended by CO for each designator applied for.
- ✓ Not have exceeded high-year tenure (HYT) requirements.
- ✓ Students enrolled in other officer programs are not eligible.
- ✓ Be serving as a PO1/E-6, CPO/E-7, or SCPO/E-8. A PO1 must have served in that capacity for at least 1 year as of 1 October of the year application is made. Such service shall be computed from TIR date for PO1.
- ✓ Must have completed at least 8 but not more than 16 years of active Naval service (day-for-day), exclusive of active duty for training in the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard Reserve as of 1 October of the year application is made.

PO1 applicants must complete all eligibility requirements for CPO/E-7 except TIR and must successfully compete in the annual Navy-wide Advancement Examination and become "Board Eligible".

CWO applicants must have completed at least 1 year of service as a CWO as of 1 October of the year application is made.

- Read OPNAVINST 1420.1. Go over it carefully before starting your application, making note of sections applicable to you as an individual candidate.
- Check local service record for completeness. Look for missing/misfiled evaluations, qualifications, awards, etc. Make corrections as soon as possible.
- Obtain a copy of your enlisted microfiche record and enlisted summary record from BUPERS, to ensure they are also current.

- Eligible candidates requesting consideration for both LDO and CWO may apply for only one designator under each program.
- All inquiries concerning the application, including verification of its receipt, should be directed to PERS-811, DSN 882-3168 or commercial (901)-874-3168 or visit the Pers-811 Homepage where a listing will be published indicating receipt of packages.
- THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS 1 AUGUST

The Limited Duty Officer/Chief Warrant Officer Professional Guidebook - 1994 Edition (NAVPERS 15627). The Guidebook is available through the supply system (S/N 0500-LP-543-2800) and is recommended reading for program applicants.

\*For more information, contact your Command Career Counselor or visit the LDO website at: [www.bupers.navy.mil/services/](http://www.bupers.navy.mil/services/) or reference OPNAVINST 1420.1(series) and annually published NAVADMINs

## **CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CWO)**

CWOs are former senior enlisted men and women serving in technical fields who have a high level of expertise and skill developed in their enlisted ratings. The CWO program does not require a college degree.

Applicants for CWO must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen.
- ✓ Be serving on active duty in the U.S. Navy, or Naval Reserve, including the TAR Program, at the time of application, and if selected, remain on active duty until the appointment is tendered.
- ✓ Be physically qualified.
- ✓ Be a high school graduate or possess the service-accepted equivalent as prescribed in CNETINST 1560.3
- ✓ Have no record of NJP, courts-martial, or civil convictions other than minor traffic violations for 3 years as of 1 October of the year application is made. Any substantiated drug or alcohol abuse will result in disqualification.
- ✓ Be of good moral character and unquestioned loyalty to the U.S. as determined by interviews and investigation.
- ✓ Be recommended by CO for each designator applied for.
- ✓ Be a Master/Senior or Chief Petty Officer (includes E-6 personnel selected for advancement to E-7 on active duty in the Regular Navy, Naval Reserve, including TAR personnel.
- ✓ Must have completed 12 but not more than 24 years of active Naval Service (day-for-day)), exclusive of active duty for training in the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard Reserve.

Personnel in pay grade E-9 who will have completed at least 2 years of duty in pay grade E-9 on 1 October of year in which the board convenes may apply for appointment to CWO3. Such service shall be computed from TIR date for advancement to Master Chief Petty Officer.

Each selectee must agree to remain on active duty for a period of 3 years from date of acceptance of appointment.

- Read OPNAVINST 1420.1. Go over it carefully before starting your application, making note of sections applicable to you as an individual candidate.
- Check local service record for completeness. Look for missing/misfiled evaluations, qualifications, awards, etc. Make corrections as soon as possible.
- Obtain a copy of your enlisted microfiche record and enlisted summary record from BUPERS, to ensure they are also current.
- Eligible candidates requesting consideration for both LDO and CWO may apply for only one designator under each program.

- All inquiries concerning the application, including verification of its receipt, should be directed to PERS-811, DSN 882-3168 or commercial (901)-874-3168 or visit the Pers-811 Homepage where a listing will be published indicating receipt of packages.
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## **OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL (OCS)**

**Officer Candidate School (OCS) is a demanding 13-weeks of officer indoctrination and training at the Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, Florida, comprised of discipline, course work, physical fitness, and military training, that lays the foundation of your military career. You'll be challenged by this unique experience, where Marine Corps Drill Instructors and Navy Chief Petty Officers lead you through the program. After 13 weeks, you'll understand and embrace the importance of teamwork and of upholding the core values of a Naval Officer: Honor, Courage, and Commitment. Enlisted applicants in pay grade E-4 and below are designated officer candidates and advanced to E-5 upon reporting to OCS. Enlisted applicants in pay grade E-5 and above are designated officer candidates in their present pay grades. The 13-week OCS course has been designed by Navy officers and educators to give an individual a basic working knowledge of the high-tech naval establishment afloat and ashore, to prepare that individual to assume the responsibilities of a Naval officer and begin developing them to their full potential. Officer Candidate School is extremely demanding, both physically and mentally. An individual should be committed to the goal of earning a commission in the Navy before arriving at Officer Candidate School.**

**Applicants for OCS must meet the following eligibility requirements:**

- ✓ **Be a U.S. citizen.**
- ✓ **Be at least 19 years old and meet the requirements for designator specific age limitations per OPNAVINST 1420.1 [Enclosure (1)].**
- ✓ **Possess a baccalaureate degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university.**
- ✓ **Must take the Officer Aptitude Rating (OAR) examination. OAR scores below 40 are generally not competitive.**
- ✓ **Be physically qualified. Physical standards vary depending on career path designator.**
- ✓ **Current service members must be entitled to an honorable discharge; be serving on active duty; and have at least 6 months of obligated service remaining on current enlistment upon receipt of orders to most schools.**
- ✓ **Applicants must possess leadership qualifications; be of good moral character and have good personal habits.**
- ✓ **Marital status/number of dependents. No restrictions.**

**\*For more information, contact your Command Career Counselor or visit the OCS website at: [www.cnet.navy.mil/nascweb/ocs/ocs.htm](http://www.cnet.navy.mil/nascweb/ocs/ocs.htm), [www.navyjobs.com](http://www.navyjobs.com) or reference OPNAVINST 1420.1(series).**

## **MEDICAL ENLISTED COMMISSIONING PROGRAM (MECP)**

**MECP is a commissioning program specifically intended to provide an advancement pathway to commissioned status in the Nurse Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve, on the active-duty list. It is not intended to serve as a precursor to medical school, nor for academic programs leading to certification, or licensure as a physical therapist, physician assistant, or other health care specialty. MECP provides outstanding career-motivated enlisted personnel who have attained previous college credits, the opportunity to complete requirements for a baccalaureate degree in nursing. The MECP program is open to enlisted personnel of all ratings. Selectees will participate in an academic program that is accredited by a nationally recognized nursing accreditation agency, leading to a baccalaureate degree in nursing. The college or university must be within 50 miles of a naval activity to which the participant will be ordered, for administrative purposes, on a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) basis. MECP does not pay tuition, fees, book costs, or other school expenses for selectees. Candidates must be able to complete the requirements for a baccalaureate degree in not more than 36 consecutive calendar months, attending school full-time, year-round. MECP students will maintain their enlisted status and are eligible for advancement in rating. Students may not use Navy-sponsored tuition assistance to pay for their tuition but may use the GI Bill or VEAP if eligible.**

**Applicants for MECP must meet the following eligibility requirements:**

- ✓ **Be a U.S. citizen.**
- ✓ **Be serving on active duty as enlisted personnel in any rating of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, Naval Reserve (including the TAR Program) and the Marine Corps Reserve.**
- ✓ **Must have completed at least 3 years of active service as of 1 October of the fiscal year in which the selection board is held.**
- ✓ **Candidates must be able to complete the baccalaureate nursing degree requirements and be commissioned prior to their 35<sup>th</sup> birthday.**
- ✓ **Be a high school graduate or possess a GED.**
- ✓ **Have applied for acceptance or transfer into a baccalaureate degree in nursing program during the fiscal year in which selection board is held at a nationally accredited nursing college or university.**
- ✓ **Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Have completed 45 quarter, or 30 semester credit hours in undergraduate courses such as English, Math, Psychology, Sociology, Chemistry, Biology, Anatomy, Physiology, nutrition or other courses acceptable for transfer into the nursing program to which applying. The credit hours may be a combination of traditional classroom courses and CLEP, provided the non-traditional credits are accepted by the school to which the application is made.**
- ✓ **Have no record of NJP or conviction by courts-martial or civil court for other than minor traffic violations during the 3 years preceding 1 October of the fiscal year in which the selection board is held. DUI/DWI is considered a major traffic violation and is disqualifying if within 4 years preceding 1 October of the fiscal year in which the selection board is held. A felony conviction or any record of in-service drug abuse, regardless of the date, is disqualifying for MECP.**



- ✓ **Meet physical readiness standards for officer candidates as prescribed in the Manual of the Medical Department, chapter 15.**
- ✓ **Prior to detachment for the present command, the MECP selectee will incur a 6-year active service obligation by reenlisting.**
- ✓ **Be favorably recommended by their commanding officer.**

**For more information, contact your Command Career Counselor or reference OPNAVINST 1420.1(series).**